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Giffords hailed at State of the Union



WASHINGTON, DC - Former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords gets a hug from House Cloak Room attendant Ella Terry after she resigned from the House of Representatives on January 25, 2012 in Washington, DC. Giffords resigned from Congress to focus on her recovery from a gunshot wound to the head she received last year from a lone gunman in Arizona. Giffords received a standing ovation when she arrived at the State of the Union speech in Congress. (AFP PHOTO)

Rancho exhibit takes over landmark building behind bus terminal

A number of island galleries and museums in and around Oranjestad presented a concerted front of culture and history during the Betico Day celebration on Wednesday, January 25. From 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, the National Archeological Museum, Historic Museum at Fort Zoutman, UNOCA gallery, Ateliers '89 Gallery and Art Education Center and Studio opened their doors to visitors without fee.

The day of free expositions began with the "soft" opening of the new center for the Rancho exhibit, which was formally on loan to the National Archeological Museum. The landmark building in which it is located, just behind the Oranjestad Bus Terminal, was the former Eman home, founders of Aruba's first bank, centuries ago.

It is situated in Rancho, and the influence this historic area had on the island, plus some of the dynamic personalities who crafted the community that existed there, are depicted in the various exhibits.

A new edition to the exposition is homage to Rudolfo Santiago, a champion of a favorite island pastime of Rancho, mini-sailboats. Regina Croes, President of Aruba Mini Sail Foundation and Robert Moons, President of the Sunfish Club Aruba, were present for the unveiling of this new portion of the exhibit.

On this festive day, a number of other island organizations were present, including



Islander come to investigate the new home of Rancho



Herbs and indigenous plants decorate the garden

the Santa Rosa Center, which used by islanders, and are identified by species. the landscaping of the gardens; they are actually edible herbs which are regularly

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Islanders get in touch with their roots on Betico Day



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Families learn of their ancient past

Yesterday, Arubans celebrated the national holiday dedicated to Gilberto Francois (Betico)

Croes, one of the primary drivers and leaders of Aruba attaining Status Aparte, their

independence within the Dutch Kingdom. It is tradition for island institutions to offer open houses with free entrance, allowing the native population to get in touch with their heritage and culture on this holiday.

One of the most popular visits for families is the Museo Archeologico Nacional Aruba, or MANA, where hands-on exhibits and interactive media provide an entertaining and educational glimpse into the Amerindian population that inhabited the island in Pre-Ceramic times.

Staff archaeologists welcome visitors and readily offered explanations of their findings from a number of digs around the island. This year, they also unveiled the second edition of the official publication of MANA, "Ceque: A Journal of the National Archaeological Museum Aruba."

These handsome publications were on sale for a mere 10 Aruban florins (\$5.57) each or 2 for 15 AFLS, (\$8.50). The first edition includes "A Brief History: Aruba an Island Navigating a Globalizing World" by drs. Eduard Dresscher. The new edition features an analysis of the "Sailor's Grave at Boc'I Brik/Puente," explaining some historic lost remains on the north coast exposed by heavy rains in late 2005, with articles by Raymundo Dijkhoff, Chief Archeologist, MANA, Harold J. Kelly, Francisco Croes and Gianni Angela, who together excavated and investigated the site.

"Ceque" is a Caquetio word meaning "Shoco" - the Papiamentu name for the Burrowing Owl that adorns the cover, and has been proposed as Aruba's national bird. It was chosen as the name for the official MANA journal as it highlights Aruba's endemic cultural heritage, lost through the millennia and being rediscovered.

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"Do not kill the goose that lays the golden eggs" Timeshare Resorts Board of Directors express concerns to Government



Long-time timeshare owner Bob Rutherford, left, and Rene Maduro

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's timeshare owners, represented by the Aruba Timeshare Association and nine individual timeshare association Boards, are seeking cooperation from the government in helping to alleviate the high costs of operations. In a recent interview with ATV's Yentl Lieu, Board Members, including Bob Rutherford, from Canada and an owner at the Playa Linda Beach Resort, and Rene Maduro, from Curacao and an owner at the Aruba Beach Club, pleaded with the government, asking "do not kill the goose that lays the golden eggs" through additional measures and taxation. Aruba counts over 300,000 timeshare tourists that call Aruba home every year.

The interview reiterated what had been expressed in an earlier letter that had been sent by ATSA, and signed by the nine timeshare resort Board of Directors, to the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers on December 5, 2011, that has gone unanswered. The letter expressed concerns among the operators and members of timeshare resorts about the spiraling costs of doing business,

including energy costs and the potential for timeshare taxation or assessments.

"Our timeshare members love Aruba, its people and the weather," comments Mr. Rutherford. "However, we have experienced a decline in direct member usage by about 10%. Although owners are able to rent out their timeshares or allow their use by exchange companies, and we haven't yet seen a decline in overall occupancy, we are worried that rising costs will eventually impact the number of those who choose to own timeshare in Aruba."

In challenging times, after September 11th, the disappearance of Natalee Holloway, and now during the recession, timeshare members have clearly and strongly supported their home away from home. However, the strain of current economic concerns at home, combined with rising costs of owning timeshare in Aruba, is having an impact. Although timeshare cooperative associations are non-profit organizations, tax assessments are received each year.

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National Social Dialogue for 2012 has begun

ORANJESTAD -- Last week the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance met with union members and commerce to establish the Social Dialogue sessions for 2012. The first dialogue for 2012 was opened with a preliminary and informative speech by the Prime Minister.

The government, in this first meeting, explained the actual situation with Valero and of the two months leeway that the government received to try to come up with a satisfactory solution. The government also itemized their successes of 2011. They expressed gratitude for the support of the social dialogue which contributed to those accomplishments.

The government boasted in the fact that while other countries, much bigger and stronger, have not yet found their way out of the economic financial crisis,

that Aruba though small, has marked the road to our recovery. Aruba's program of recovery is based on the consensus founded in our National Dialogues with the social partners of the island.

The government submitted the three laws regarding the General Pension, the Flex Pension and the adaptations to these laws. The government also indicated the various topics that will be discussed in this year's social dialogue. The reports regarding our fiscal reform will be discussed within a month. They will also discuss the area of education, then the issues relating to Justice and Security. Also on the agenda is our third economic pillar, the gateway of Aruba with Europe and Latin and Central America and vice versa. Still another matter on the agenda is a concrete policy on energy and the environment.

C.A.S. expected to be more pro-active this year

ORANJESTAD -- Just recently, the government met with the Board of the "Fundacion CAS" to discuss the future of this foundation, specifically with a focus on the subsidy they receive from the government. The Minister of Economics and Social Affairs explained to the group the government's policy and vision with respect to the consumer and what the government expects from this organization. CAS was founded to be the defender of the consumer.

At the end of the meeting with the government, it was noted that both the government and CAS are on the same wavelength with respect to what needs to be done to benefit the consumer. The government emphasized that all information related to topics having to do with the consumer needs to get to the consumer. Topics such as price developments, quality and service of products,

price comparisons, quality, service and products. Also, tips to help the consumer to choose where to spend their money and what aspects they must always bear in mind when purchasing, must be shared with all consumers.

According to the government, the task of CAS is much greater and is not limited to sharing information to a limited audience.

They also explored the matter of doing investigation, which happens to be a rather neglected area. This, the government feels must be changed. Both parties, government and CAS agreed to develop a closer relationship with each other. And, they also agreed that the Department of Rent and Consumer Affairs should play a more important role in the area of investigation, control and defense of the consumer.

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Rancho exhibit takes over . . .

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Homage to Rudolfo Santiago



Robert Moons, Regina Croes and Alejandro de Windt

New edition of "Wereldwijzer Aruba" ready for distribution in June

Petra Possel, editor of a popular Dutch language tourist guide of Aruba recently completed a fact-finding visit on Aruba. The tourist guide edited by Possel covers Aruba from A to Z and is an excellent tool for Hollanders who want to vacation on Aruba.

The guide is replete with helpful tips for the best vacation on Aruba.

Petra Possel spent two weeks exploring Aruba. She experienced practically every activity on Aruba, from on-shore to off shore and is now well versed on the tourism product of Aruba. Possel visited and dined at several restaurants to get a feeling of and an opinion of the culinary aspect of Aruba. She was very impressed with the cleanliness of the island as well as with the warmth and amiability of our people.

In her new tourism guide, Dutch visitors will have enough information to guide them to where to go and what to do while on Aruba.

Petra stayed at three different hotels during her two week stay on the island. She spent time at the Westin Aruba, the Divi Phoenix and the Aruba Beach House. This way she was able to experience the warmth and difference of each



type of Aruban accommodation.

An extensive program was prepared for Petra Possel by representative of Aruba Tourism Authority, Mrs. Amayra Boekhoudt, who accompanied Petra to all the activities. Her itinerary included a trip on the Catamaran, courtesy of De Palm Tours, a visit to the Palm Island, the experience of Seatrek - a first time experience for Petra, a visit to the National Archeological Museum, and Carubbian Festival where she was introduced to the fever of Carnival. And, of course, there was an extensive tour around the entire island.

In addition to being editor of the "Wereldwijzer Aruba" (Aruba World Guide), Petra

Rancho was a center for sailing, fishing, and aloe production in former centuries. It used to be shore front, until Oranjestad harbor was dredged and several square kilometers of new land were created in the middle of the 20th century. People came from all over the island to buy their fish and the harbor was cluttered with small wooden boats, from which many of the Rancho residents eked out a living.

It was also home to some natural salt ponds which the fishermen used to preserve their catch, as well as housing Aruba's slaughterhouse in the area that is now the parking lot behind the bus station. It is teeming with island history and culture, and on its streets, many colonial homes can be seen, quite a few occupied by descendants of the original inhabitants.

by Rosalie Klein

Islanders get in touch with their roots . . .

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Discovering the multi ethnic make up of the Aruban people

"It reflects Aruban wisdom and all that has been left to us within the cultural realm of our island," state the authors. The cover is a stylized reproduction of a photo by Diego Marquez of the Arikok Park, taken at Spaans Lagoen, another natural site on Aruba.

This second issue of Ceque focuses on more recent history with the retelling of the discovery and investigation of the Boc'I Brik skeletal remains, as "the necessity to salvage, research, document and present objective information on the last 200 years of Aruba is emergent," according to Arminda Franken-Ruiz, Chief Executive of MANA. "The general absence of and/or poor accessibility to information concerning the 19th and 20th century history may be the main reason for this, but is not the only one. Another important reason points to the visitors' experience when attending public programs on the topic; they seem to rejoice in this part of the past as yet an-



Dr. Eduard Dresscher and the first two editions of Ceque

other valuable link to Aruban identity...Salvage and conservation of this relatively "recent past" are imperative."

More information about the new edition of Ceque can be obtained at MANA or by contacting them at archeo@setar-net.aw or calling 582-8979.

by Rosalie Klein



Drs Eduard Dresscher and island archaeologists

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Aruba's Medicine Inspection Department suspends distribution of certain medicines

ORANJESTAD — The Aruba Medicine Inspection Department announces it is recalling two over the counter medications because they do not comply with health regulations.

Consumers came forward with complaints about tablets manufactured by Novartis, specifically Excedrin pills, which are below quality standards in their bottles, broken or badly shaped. Novartis Consumer Health, together with Food & Drug Administration (FDA) decided to discontinue the distribution of these batches of Excedrin.

The Aruba Medicine Inspection Department also suspended Curam film-coated tablets of 1000mg. manufactured by Sandoz. During a routine test it was observed there is no guarantee on the stability of a specific ingredient, "clavulanic acid." The concentration of "clavulanic acid" begins to breakdown when the pills are exposed to humidity and/or high temperatures, a common condition on Aruba. Sandoz has stopped the distribution of a number of batches of Curam film-coated tablets 1000mg.

The Aruba Medicine Inspection Department kindly asks everyone who possesses these or other Excedrin or Curam products mentioned to please return them to the drugstores for a thorough control and their safety.

For more information, readers may contact the Medicine Inspection Department via email info@ivg.aruba.gov.aw.

Timeshare Resorts Board of Directors express concerns . . .

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Along with increasingly high costs of doing business in Aruba, timeshare cooperative associations also express concerns about the impact of government red tape, such as the length of time it takes to obtain building permits.

"What we want is very simple," explains Mr. Maduro. "We the government to talk to us, hear us out. With the already high costs of fuel affecting costs, the introduction of

additional measures and policies are detrimental to continued timeshare operations. We want to be able to discuss with the government other ways in which costs may be kept in check and how we can work together in order to contribute to a mutually-beneficial solution."

Bob Rutherford and Rene Maduro, along with many of the board members represented by the nine timeshare

resorts, have been coming to Aruba each year for over 20 years, and spend close to eight weeks in Aruba. ATSA, together with individual timeshare cooperative associations, intend to continue to seek dialogue with the government in addressing rising concerns about timeshare in Aruba, in particular, as well as with matters that affect the tourism industry as a whole.

Van der Sloot appeals sentence after murder conviction in Peru

LIMA — Dutch national Joran van der Sloot has appealed the 28-year sentence imposed on him by a Peruvian court for killing a young woman in 2010, his attorney, Jose Luis Jimenez, told AFP yesterday.

Van der Sloot was sentenced on January 13 to 28 years in prison after pleading guilty to murdering 21-year-old Stephany Flores on May 30, 2010. The prosecution had asked for a 30-year sentence after accusing Van der Sloot of murdering Flores "with cruelty

and ferocity."

A reduced sentence is a matter of discretion for the presiding judge under Peruvian law.

"But we can legitimately aspire to a greater reduction because from the beginning Joran van der Sloot showed cooperation with justice," Jimenez said.

The appeal, filed before the Peruvian Supreme Court, is likely to be adjudicated between April and May, the lawyer estimated.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuela pulling out of World Bank arbitration body

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela said yesterday it has moved to pull out of the World Bank's arbitration unit just weeks after ExxonMobil said it would pursue claims in the body against Caracas for nationalizing its assets.

A foreign ministry statement said Venezuela on Tuesday had formalized its "irrevocable denunciation" of the treaty creating the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes, a key step for withdrawing from the global body.

The move, earlier threatened by President Hugo Chavez, is aimed at forcing in-

ternational companies, especially mining and oil giants like Exxon and ConocoPhillips, to settle their claims over expropriation of properties in 2007 in Venezuelan courts.

The foreign ministry said Venezuela only joined the Washington-based arbitration body in a 1993 decision "by a weak, illegitimate interim government under the pressure of transnational economic organizations trying to undermine Venezuelan sovereignty."

ICSID had not posted on its website any notice from Venezuela, but once received the withdrawal takes six months to finalize.

Venezuela currently faces 21 investment disputes in ICSID, out of the 142 total pending cases at the body.

Exxon has been seeking \$12 billion for mainly Orinoco Basin oil and gas assets seized by the government.

At the beginning of January an arbitration panel of the Paris-based International Chamber of Commerce awarded Exxon a much smaller \$907 million in its Venezuela case.

Caracas declared a victory, saying the US giant had been seeking an "exorbitant" sum for compensation.

Colombian rebels pledge to free three more hostages

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's leftist FARC guerrilla group said yesterday it would soon release a soldier and two policemen held hostage for more than a dozen years.

The three hostages were identified as army corporal Luis Alfonso Beltran, who was seized in March 2008; police sergeant Cesar Augusto Lazo, held since November 1998; and police sub-inspector Carlos Duarte, kidnapped in July 1999.

They are in addition to three other hostages that the

FARC said in December it will release, although the date has not yet been determined.

A top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, Ivan Marquez, read out a statement announcing the plans to release the latest three in a video on the group's website. He also called for improvements in the prison conditions under which captured FARC rebels are held, and urged that they be traded for FARC hostages.

The guerrilla group is currently holding at least 11 police

and soldiers, but has unilaterally released 20 captives in recent years.

The International Committee of the Red Cross in Colombia called the FARC announcement "an important move forward," but refrained from proposing a date for the hostages' release.

In early January, the FARC's new leader, Timoleon Jimenez, known as "Timochochenko", disclosed he had sent a letter to President Juan Manuel Santos proposing peace talks.

Santos has said repeatedly that for there to be direct talks, the guerrillas must show their desire for peace by ending hostage-takings, the recruitment of minors and attacks.

Since Santos became president in 2010, the military have killed the FARC's military chief, Jorge Briceño, and its maximum leader Alfonso Cano. Founded in 1964, the FARC currently has some 9,000 guerrilla fighters.

Congress' moving send-off to Gabrielle Giffords after shooting



US President Barack Obama embraces Gabrielle Giffords as members of Congress applaud before his State of the Union address in front of a joint session of Congress on January 24, 2012 on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. (AFP PHOTO)

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Congress, in a rare show of unity, gave an emotional send-off yesterday to Gabrielle Giffords, the lawmaker who was critically injured after being shot by a deranged gunman, and who is leaving office to focus on her recovery.

Amid extraordinary scenes belying the almost-constant bitter partisanship of recent years, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle paid tribute to the congresswoman, who has made remarkable progress after her near-fatal shooting a little more than a year ago.

Giffords, who had been shot at point-blank range in the head, has made what many call a miraculous recovery, but continues to speak haltingly and walks with a pronounced limp.

The Arizona lawmaker, who vows she will return to public service when she is fully recovered, was hailed by Democratic minority leader Nancy Pelosi as "an inspiring symbol of determination and

courage to millions of Americans."

"You will be missed in the House of Representatives, but your legacy in this Congress and your leadership in our nation will certainly endure," Pelosi said.

In a tender moment, aided by her close friend and fellow Democratic lawmaker Debbie Wasserman Schultz, she stepped up to podium where House Speaker John Boehner stood and handed him her letter of resignation -- prompting a three-minute-long standing ovation before she walked off the House floor.

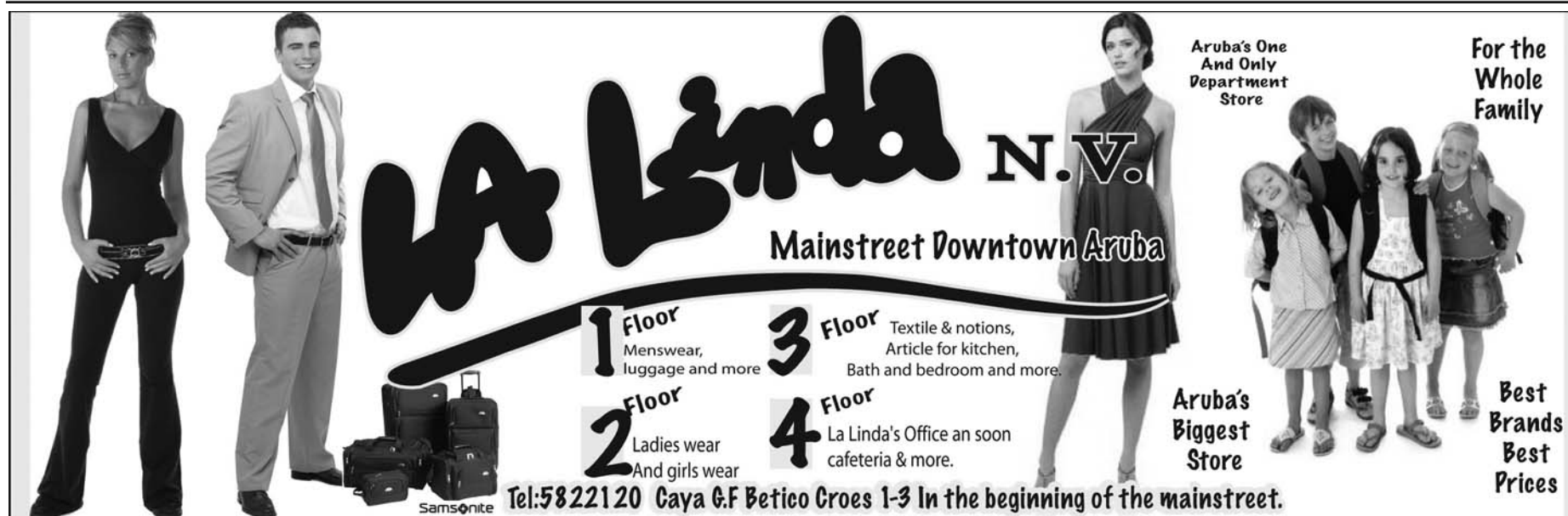
Several tearful lawmakers paid warm tributes to Giffords, who was left fighting for her life after the January 2011 shooting, when a gunman sprayed the parking lot where she was meeting with constituents in Tucson, killing six of them.

In a sign that Giffords still has much of her rehabilitation ahead of her, she opted to have Wasserman Schultz read aloud her resignation letter.

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German 'Mein Kampf' reprints blacked out

BERLIN (AFP) - Extracts from Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" went on sale in kiosks in Germany today, but with the text blacked out after a court ruled that reprinting the Nazi manifesto broke copyright laws.

British publisher Peter McGee, who planned to publish parts of the anti-Semitic book alongside commentary from historians, said in a letter to readers yesterday that he would himself censor the text after the court's decision.

"To avoid escalation ... I

have decided to offer readers a different solution: In tomorrow's edition, which will carry the title 'The Unreadable Book' ... we have made the excerpts from 'Mein Kampf' unreadable," he said.

"As soon as we have legal clarity over the planned publication, we will of course make it available in full and readable," added the publisher.

Until then, only the comments from historians putting the text into context would be readable, he said.

Health ministry: Suriname hit with dengue epidemic

PARAMARIBO (AFP) - Suriname health authorities confirmed yesterday that a dengue epidemic has taken hold here, resulting in numerous of people being hospitalized over the past month.

"Up to now more than 300 dengue cases have been registered at the Academic hospital lab, while other labs also confirm cases," the health ministry said in a press release.

With the dengue outbreak now a month old, health authorities said they believe cases of the mosquito-borne disease are peaking.

A crisis team established by the health ministry currently works towards intensive education, awareness and pest control.

"We have put in all pesticides, material and crew to tackle the epidemic, but we don't have a vaccine to kill the dengue virus once a person has it," Lesley Resida, head of the Bureau for Public Healthcare (BOG), told reporters.

Due to overcrowding in hospitals, patients were being treated in the army's health facilities. Though the health ministry did not disclose information on official deaths, health authorities fear it could outnumber an outbreak in 1999-2000 when 15 people died.

The health ministry has advised people to immediately contact their physician if they notice that they are suffering from a continuous fever.

Italy cruise giant fends off shipwreck legal pressure



AFP photo shows technicians working during an operation to pump out 2,380 tons of fuel from the stricken cruise liner Costa Concordia off the Isola del Giglio.

GIGLIO ISLAND (AFP) - Europe's biggest cruise ship operator yesterday sought to distance itself from a disaster in which up to 32 people are feared to have died, as legal pressure mounted on the company.

Grilled by a Senate committee in Rome, Costa Crociere chief Pier Luigi Foschi said the company was misled by the luxury liner's captain about the scale of the disaster after it crashed into rocks off the island of Giglio.

Foschi admitted however that the company -- which is part of US industry leader Carnival Corp -- did sometimes encourage its captains to sail close to the coast, saying the practice was "in demand" and "helps enrich the product".

In this case, Foschi stressed that the manoeuvre "was not authorised" and should have respected a number of criteria for sailing near the coast, adding: "You don't go at 16 knots 300 meters from the shore."

At the scene of the giant wreck in Giglio, the head of rescue operations Franco Gabrielli said it would take "a miracle" to find any more survivors on the giant half-submerged ship 12 days after the crash.

Fire chief Ennio Aquilino

said crews have not been able to reach several parts of the ship, including decks one and two, because divers can only last a maximum of 50 minutes under water and passageways are cluttered.

The confirmed death toll

from the disaster has reached 16 and emergency crews are searching for 16 still missing.

There were a total of 4,229 people on board on the first day of a seven-day cruise when the ship hit rocks just as many passengers were settling down to dinner, sparking scenes of panic with many jumping into the sea to escape.

Crews from Dutch company Smit Salvage are now looking for ways to extract the ship's 2,380 tons of fuel without causing any spill in the Tuscan archipelago, Europe's biggest marine sanctuary and a popular holiday spot. Officials said the pumping was not expected to begin before Saturday.

Gabrielli said a thin oil slick measuring some 60,000 square meters (650,000 square feet) may have come from the ship and that there had also been contamination from some toxic substances on board.

Egypt marks one year since anti-Mubarak revolt



EGYPT, Cairo : Smoke from a food vendor's cart rises between giant Egyptian (R) and Syrian flags during a rally in Tahrir Square on January 25, 2012, on the first anniversary of the country's revolt against the former regime. Tens of thousands of Islamists, liberals, leftists and ordinary citizens packed the square, the epicentre of protests that ousted Mubarak, waving flags and bearing banners reflecting the day's varying messages.

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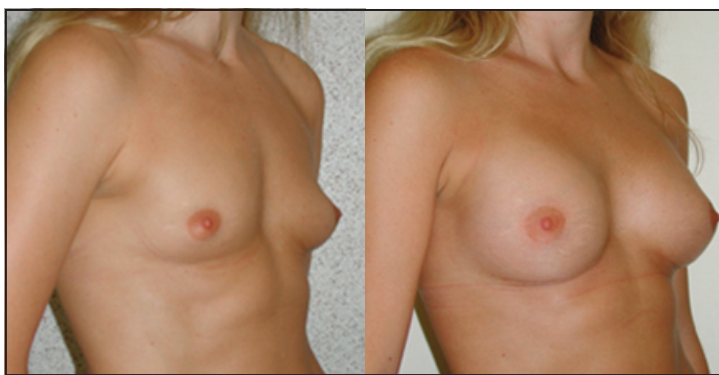
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Brazil implant maker in eye of global storm



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil's Silimed, the third-biggest manufacturer of silicon breast implants in the world, has suddenly found itself in the eye of a global firestorm.

In this body-obsessed nation, where more than 1.5 million women have silicone breast implants, the once reclusive company now plays host to national and international journalists.

The Brazilian health ministry is courting senior company executives to help reassure a public perturbed by horror stories from the other side of the world and to restore faith in a product that is very much in demand.

Founded 33 years ago, Silimed was the "first in 1995 to put a serial number on its implants," Claudio Carvalho, Silimed's production chief, explained to AFP, conscious of the need to vouch for the safety of the company's products.

The health scare erupted in France in December, when a French company was accused of using an illegal industrial-grade gel that investigators say has led to abnormally high rupture rates.

Brazil banned PIP (Poly Implant Prothese) products last month but some 35,000 had already been imported and some 25,000 sold.

Behind glass windows at a plant in a northern Rio suburb, dozens of men and women wearing masks and thin rubber gloves meticulously feel, flip and pull on transparent silicone gel balls.

Located near the Vigario Geral slum, which provides half of its 450 employees, there is no sign on the outer walls of a plant that used to

keep a low profile despite exporting to more than 60 countries around the world.

In 2010, Silimed churned out 340,000 implants, 70 percent of them breast implants and "the 2011 output will be higher," said Carvalho, putting the average price of each at 2,100 real (928 euros, 1,190 dollars).

The gel used for the implant is made in California and "it does not leak in the body even in case of an accident," he insisted.

That said, the industry is now under the microscope.

-- Proud of their implants --
Brazil last week began registering all implants to identify the make of silicone used, said Jose Horacio Aboudib, president of the Brazilian plastic surgery association (SBCP).

An estimated 19,500 Brazilian women are thought to carry PIP implants. The National Agency for Sanitary Surveillance (ANVISA) has pledged to pay for surgery to remove any found to be defective.

"In Brazil, women pay to be beautiful and men increasingly resort to bum or chest implants," said Silimed owner Margaret Figueiredo, who anticipated the silicone boom of the 1990's but now wonders if scandal will ensnare her dreams.

"It is difficult to supervise everybody. This gentleman (PIP founder Jean-Claude Mas) cheated and I am shocked by it. Initially people will be worried, but later I expect things will return to normal," she told AFP.

So far the furor has shown little sign of denting demand, at least in Brazil, and with credit payments plastic surgery is becoming accessible to more

and more women in this booming Latin American powerhouse.

The most popular operations are liposuction, followed by breast implants, bum lifts and tummy tucks.

"Brazil is a tropical country where the body is exposed. You have to show off your best part," said Carolina, who had filled each of her breasts with 250 milliliters of silicone.

Worldwide in 2010, plastic surgeons carried out an estimated 18.5 million operations, according to the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ISAPS), a non-profit group representing surgeons in 93 countries.

The United States topped the list last year, with 3.3 million operations, followed by Brazil with 700,000.

Brazil's SBCP says that "nine out of 10 surgeons" in the country used Silimed implants rather than imported products.

Teenage Chileans exposed to nearly lifetime of sunrays

SANTIAGO (AFP) - A thinning ozone layer means 18-year-olds near the equator have been exposed to ultraviolet radiation equivalent to seniors elsewhere, forcing Chile to search for ways to protect its people.

The health risks have already led to the development of devices that measure ultraviolet (UV) radiation and issue warnings by illuminating color-coded warning lights.

On a recent day in Santiago, a building site foreman sounded a whistle that made a dozen workers stop what they were doing amid steel, cement and cranes. Only after rubbing sunscreen on to exposed flesh did they return to work.

Chile is one of the countries in South America most deeply endangered by UV light, especially in its northern regions, where the sun beats down hard throughout the year.

Chilean law requires employers to inform their workers daily about UV levels. They also are required to provide them with protection, such as hats, sunglasses and sunscreen if they work in the sun.

In Chile and other southern hemisphere nations, radiation levels reach their peak in December and January.

"We could see in late September that UV radiation was higher than previous years," Ernesto Gramsch, a University of Santiago physicist who heads the National Network for Ultraviolet Measurements, told AFP.

"We think that a roughly one percent reduction in the density of ozone is what made the levels rise," Gramsch said.

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(AFP) - Mexican President Felipe Calderon on announced a 2.6-billion-dollar program to help victims of a record drought, including food and water handouts, as rural victims protested in the capital.

The "unprecedented sum would attend to a catastrophic situation in Mexico," Calderon

said during a public act. The aim "is that no family is without water or food due to this drought."

Immediate measures included the delivery of 4,000 water trucks to affected areas, mainly in the north of the country, and the distribution of corn.

The program would receive almost 34 billion pesos (2.6 billion dollars), while a presidential decree would lift bureaucratic obstacles to speed up aid distribution, Calderon said.

Tens of thousands of people have been affected by the drought -- the worst in 70 years in some areas -- particularly in northern Durango state and the mountainous Tarahumara region in the northern border state of Chihuahua.

Hundreds of farmers marched to Mexico City this week to draw attention to the drought that has ravaged their crops.

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Sci-Tech

Dutch nab Estonian in Megaupload case: prosecutors



(AFP) - THE HAGUE — Dutch police have arrested an Estonian man in connection with the Megaupload case into massive online piracy, Dutch prosecutors said.

"He was arrested at the request of the United States," said Paul van der Zanden, spokesman for the prosecutors' office.

"He appeared before a judge on, who decided he should remain in custody for another 60 days," Van der Zanden told AFP.

Saying the arrest was "in connection with the Megaupload case" the Dutch spokesman declined to give

further details about the Estonian, adding "the FBI is handling the case" and that the Netherlands have not yet received an extradition request from the US.

A 72-page indictment before a US court however contained the name of Andrus Nomm, which it named as a "citizen of Estonia" and Megaupload's head of Development Software Division.

Megaupload founder Kim Dotcom, 37, also known as Kim Schmitz, was set to learn Wednesday if he will remain behind bars while US authorities seek his extradition on allegations of massive copyright theft.

The Internet tycoon has been in custody since police raided his Auckland mansion last Friday but vigorously denies any wrongdoing and has applied for bail as US moves to extradite him make their way through the courts.

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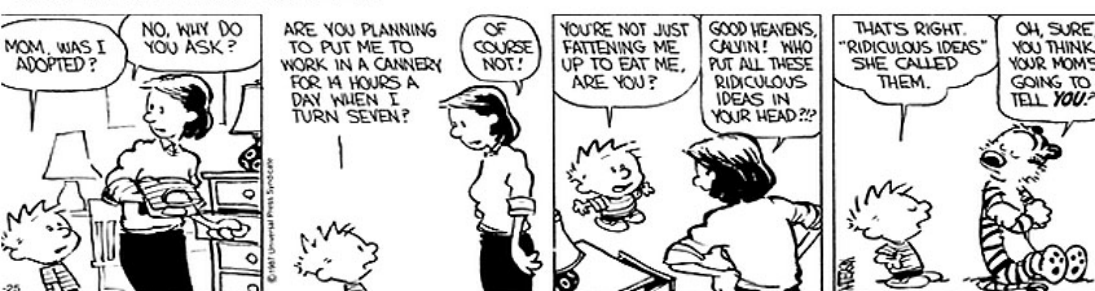
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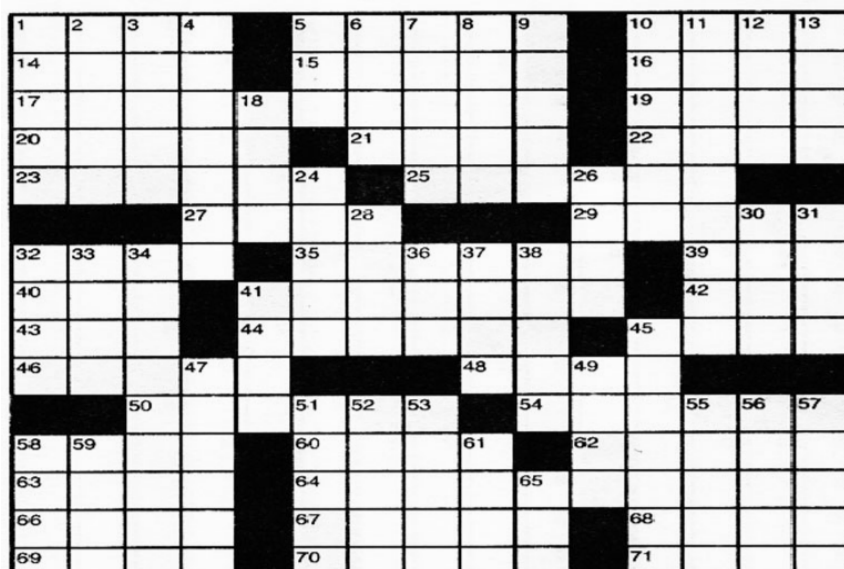
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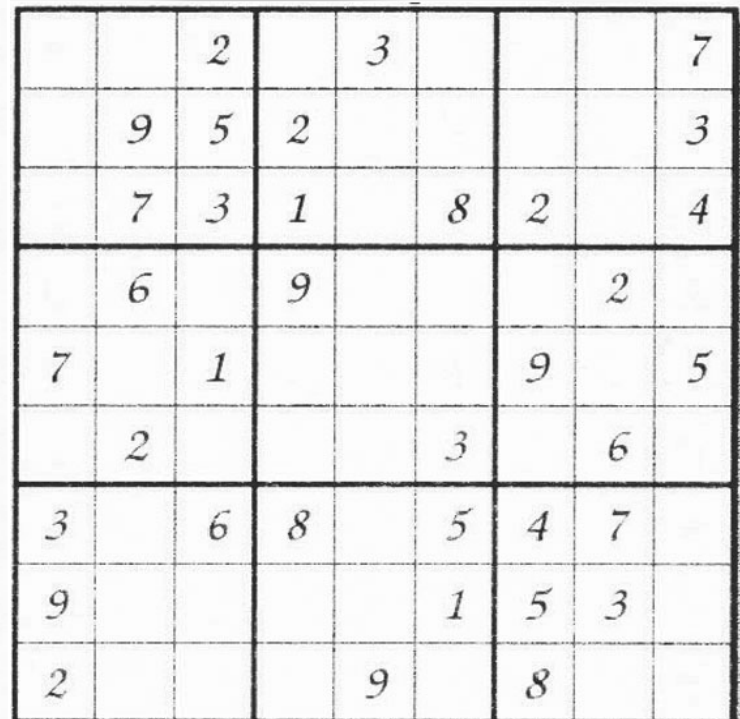
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Davos grapples with surging demand for fuel, food

DAVOS (AFP) - Petrol is already beyond the price range of many Africans while surging population levels should force governments in Asia to limit car use, political and business leaders said yesterday.

While economic gloom in the eurozone is the most immediate concern of delegates gathered here for the annual Davos forum, the challenge of feeding and powering an ever expanding planet is the main long-term headache.

As tensions with Iran and Nigeria once more raise fears about oil supplies -- and Japan's Fukushima disaster undermines the appeal of nuclear energy -- titans of politics and industry admit it is time for a radical reappraisal.

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, whose country's population is forecast to jump by 73 percent by the middle of the century, said that merely following the Western path of development was not an option.

"In my view Africa has no option but to go through the green path to development. We have to adjust -- no matter what happens with the climate change negotiations," he said, referring to stalled UN-led climate talks.

Meles said the high cost of traditional energy could ultimately

benefit the developing world by forcing the pace of change.

"Most Africans will be priced out of modern energy, therefore it is crucial to have access to biofuels, solar power," said Meles. "I do not know how it looks in developed countries, but in Africa we think fossil fuels already are being rationed... Maybe it's a blessing in disguise, forcing us to look for alternative supplies."

Oil executives admit that they must confront the strains imposed by ever-increasing demand on the energy supply chain.

"We need to look at how we can deal with the stress we have in our security around food, water and energy," said Shell boss Peter Voser.

"From the energy point of view, it's about sustainability," added the chief executive of the Anglo-Dutch oil and gas giant, pointing out that there are 1.5 billion people worldwide without access to electricity.

Some analysts, however, argue governments will have to intervene to slow up the demand for fuel, particularly in cities already facing traffic gridlock.

"Asian cities need more cars like I need a hole in the head," said Chandran Nair, founder of the Hong Kong-based Global Institute for Tomorrow.

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Nair said that "we will need very draconian rules" to prevent things getting totally out of hand as car ownership mushrooms in Asia.

"If the Chinese can interfere with your reproductive system, then they can interfere with your car," he said, in reference to Beijing's one child policy.

Nair, who lives in one of the world's most-heavily populated strips of land, said it would be a nightmare if Asian development followed the path of the West where people are chained to their cars and "emissions are a right".

"Imagine a world in 2050 whereby you have five to six billion Asians who are consuming as you are," he said.

The strain would not only be on energy supplies but also on food if Asia followed the path and consumed more meat as it grows wealthier, he added.

Paul Polman, the chief executive of food giant Unilever, said that it was vital to come up with news way to feed a growing population.

"It's very clear that the system we have been operating has been very beneficial to many but requires big changes," he said. "There are still a billion people going to bed hungry each night and that number is still going up."

Finance

US Federal Reserve slashes growth forecast

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve yesterday sliced its forecast for US economic growth this year and next, citing slower growth in business investment and the still-depressed housing sector.

The Fed projected growth for this year in a range of 2.2-2.7 percent, and 2.8-3.2 percent in 2013.

In its November economic projections, the central bank had estimated gross domestic product growth of 2.5-2.9 percent for 2012, and 3.0-3.5 percent for 2013.

The policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee also set an inflation target at 2.0 percent, signaling the level of price increases at which it could begin tightening monetary policy.

"Communicating this inflation goal clearly to the public helps keep longer-term inflation expectations firmly anchored," the FOMC said, as it said it expected to keep its key interest rate near zero for three more years.

The Fed said it is "firmly committed" to its statutory mandate from Congress "of promoting maximum employment, stable prices, and moderate long-term interest rates."

Following recent improvements in the troubled labor market, the FOMC lowered its unemployment rate projections to 8.2-8.5 percent for the fourth quarter.

The November estimate was for a rate of 8.5-8.7 percent.

The jobless rate has fallen for four consecutive months, to 8.5 percent in December, amid a fragile recovery from deep recession.

The inflation forecasts were also at or below the new target level for the next three years.

Apple shares soar, edges ExxonMobil in market cap

NEW YORK (AFP) - Apple shares soared yesterday following blockbuster quarterly earnings and the California gadget-maker leapfrogged over ExxonMobil to become the largest US company in terms of market value.

Apple shares were up 6.83 percent at \$449.12 in early trading on Wall Street, giving the maker of the iPhone, iPad, iPod and Macintosh computer a market capitalization of \$418.94 billion.

ExxonMobil shares were down 0.75 percent at \$86.53.

The oil giant's market cap -- the number of shares outstanding multiplied by the stock price -- stood at \$415.33 billion.

Apple first surpassed ExxonMobil in market value in August of last year and the two companies have been jockeying back and forth since then.

Apple stock has risen steadily over the past few years on the release of a string of hit products starting with the iPod in 2001, followed by the iPhone in 2007 and the iPad in 2010.

Apple reported record earnings on Tuesday in the first quarter since the October death of founder Steve Jobs.

Apple's net profit more than doubled in the first quarter of fiscal 2012 to a record \$13.06 billion while revenue soared to an all-time high of \$46.33 billion from \$26.74 billion a year ago.

Apple said it sold 37.04 million iPhones in the quarter which ended on December 31, up 128 percent from a year ago, and 15.43 million iPads, a 111 percent increase.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Manchebo Beach Resort employees take training from Fire Safety First Consulting



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Clifford Faldman is a 38-year veteran volunteer fireman from Massachusetts who has settled on Aruba and founded Fire Safety First Consulting, offering emergency fire training for resorts, businesses and groups.

The first to take advantage of this service was the Playa Linda Beach Resort, and now 63 employees from the Manchebo Beach Resort are participating in a training course over the next few weeks.

The program began on Friday, January 20, at the Aruba Fire Department headquarters in Tanki Leendert, as Mr. Faldman has full cooperation from the island's official firefighting corps in training staffers of resorts to provide the best assistance possible until the fire department arrives, as these moments can be crucial.

Basic training in the use of fire extinguishers proved highly effective, as it was discovered one of the extinguishers was empty, graphi-

cally demonstrating the need to regularly inspect them and insure they are fully charged. The morning ended with training on how to properly use a fire hose, as the resort is planning to obtain one to keep on premises.

The program will continue with on-site training at the Manchebo where staff will learn to evacuate the resort and find and remove stragglers while making their way through smoky rooms and

hallways, along with proper procedures to reassure patrons and see them to safety.

"The training teaches calm, quick action in the face of a frightening situation," explained Mr. Faldman. "This comes with drilling and practice in simulated circumstances, so employees can best help frightened guests and insure their safety; this is what our program is about; saving lives."



Carnaval Schedule

January – Wk 4

Thursday, January 26: * *Tumberito (Children's Tumba Contest)* - Aruba Entertainment Center - 7 p.m.

Friday, January 27: * *Mrs. Carnaval Queen Election* - Entertainment Center - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 28: * *Tumba Contest Aruba* - Entertainment Center - 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 29: * *Youth Parade* - Oranjestad - 1 p.m.
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The Mario Hernandez collection encompasses luggage, handbags and wallets of every sort, with specialized functions. "Our men's accessories

are extremely popular; literally flying off the shelves," note the owners. In the two years since they opened their doors, they have found patrons are very impressed with the quality and style of the goods.

Just a short time ago, the design house created an extremely attractive new line featuring the art of William DeBilzan, noted American artist whose work is often seen adorning the chic homes of television characters; he has popular galleries in both Florida and California and his work is exhibited in over 28 galleries across the U.S. and Europe.

Mario Hernandez has been creating and designing products for over 30 years; his name is synonymous with manufacturing excellence and innovation in design. The store in Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach is opened until 10:00 PM for convenient night-time shopping and boasts the latest collection of these timelessly styled accessories, each of them handcrafted at the Bogotá factory.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL: After deluge, Zambia hit back twice to hold Libya



Zambia's Emmanuel Mayuka (R) vies with Libya's Rabee Aboubaker (L) and Abubaker Suiueinei during the Africa Cup

(AFP) - Zambia came from behind twice to draw 2-2 with fairytale qualifiers Libya on Wednesday in a rain-delayed Africa Cup of Nations Group A match.

Ahmed Osman struck early in each half for the Libyans on a barely playable Estadio de Bata pitch, but his goals were cancelled out as Emmanuel Mayuka and captain Christopher Katongo netted.

The result means pre-tournament 125/1 rank outsiders and co-hosts Equatorial Guinea will become the first team to reach the quarter-finals if they defeat Senegal in the second half of a double-header.

Libya, whose players risked their lives to fulfil qualifying fixtures while a civil war raged in the north African country,

retained a mathematical chance of making the last eight.

The kick-off of the first second-round group fixture was delayed 76 minutes after torrential late-afternoon rain dotted the pitch at the 35,000-seat stadium with mini lakes.

Efforts to clear puddles of varying sizes included the use of brooms, long and short planks of wood and the belated appearance of a machine which speeded up the process.

However, it was questionable whether the game should have gone ahead with a large area of the pitch near the touchline in front of the main stand a muddy, waterlogged mess.

Libya's Brazilian coach Marcos Paqueta said: "It was hard for both teams to play in these conditions."

Libya's captain and goalkeeper Samir Abod added: "The conditions were very difficult, it was hard to control the ball."

"Given the state of the pitch the coach issued instructions based on playing the ball long."

Walid El Khatroushi, who quit football temporarily last year to fight for the rebels who toppled Moamer Kadhafi, created the fifth-minute opening goal with a slide rule pass and Osman beat onrushing goalkeeper Kennedy Mweene to score.

Forced to retire injured in the loss to Equatorial Guinea last weekend, midfielder El Khatroushi was out of luck again midway through the first half with Ihab El Busaifi taking his place.

Fast-footed Zambia were not finding the heavy conditions to their liking against more direct opponents, but they gradually took command and it was no surprise when they levelled just before the half-hour mark.

Rainford Kalaba floated a superb cross to the far post where Mayuka hooked the ball across 39-year-old Abod into the far corner of the net.

Osman struck again two minutes after half-time, showing excellent control inside the six-yard box to score with a shot that went in off a post after Zambia failed to clear a low El Busaifi cross.

NFL: Rodgers, "Big Ben" lead all-star teams in Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AFP) - Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers and Pittsburgh counterpart Ben Roethlisberger will lead rival all-star squads onto the field for Sunday's NFL Pro Bowl matchup at Aloha Stadium.

The annual matchup of American and National Conference talent will not include players from the New England Patriots or New York Giants, who will meet in the Super Bowl to decide the NFL champion on February 5 at Indianapolis.

Rodgers, who guided the Packers to last year's Super Bowl crown, will start for the National Conference, which owns a 21-20 edge in the all-time rivalry, while "Big Ben" directs the attack for the American Conference.

Drew Brees, who set a sin-

gle-season NFL passing record this season while leading the New Orleans Saints into the playoffs, will be a reserve passer for the National squad. San Diego's Philip Rivers backs up on the American side.

San Francisco's Frank Gore and Philadelphia's LeSean McCoy lead National Conference rushers while top receivers include Arizona's Larry Johnson, Carolina's Steve Smith and tight end Jimmy Graham of New Orleans.

"Being selected to represent the NFC team in the Pro Bowl is a tremendous honor," Graham said. "It's a heck of a compliment and I am grateful and humbled by it."

Jacksonville's Maurice Jones-Drew tops American Conference rushers while top

pass targets include Cincinnati's A.J. Green, Pittsburgh's Mike Wallace and San Diego's Antonio Gates and Vincent Jackson.

San Francisco led the NFL with nine players selected to the Pro Bowl. The 49ers lost in overtime to the Giants in last weekend's National Conference final.

Coaching the 43-man squads are Gary Kubiak of Houston for the American Conference and Mike McCarthy of Green Bay for the National Conference. Each player on the winning side makes \$50,000, twice what their rivals are paid.

The National Conference matched the Pro Bowl single-game scoring record last year with a 55-41 triumph, the Nationals having also tallied 55 points in 2004.



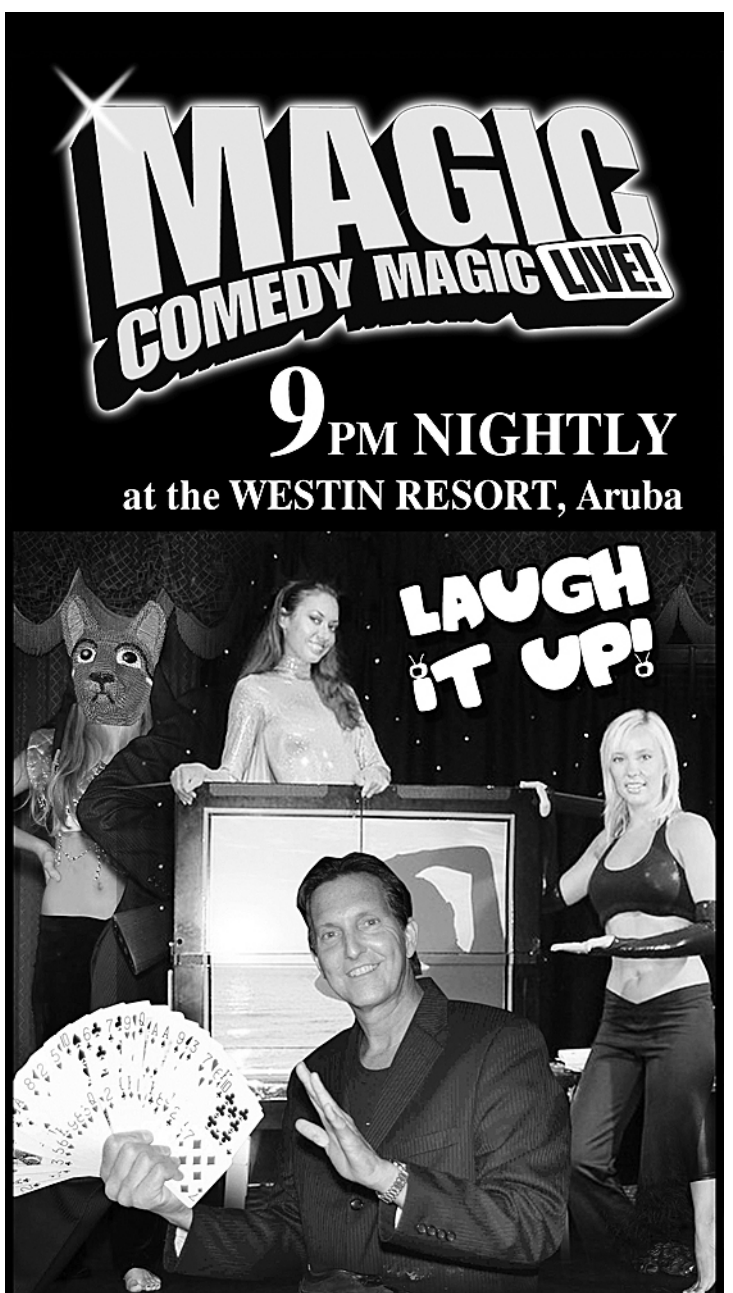
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Blazers halt Grizzlies winning streak

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - LaMarcus Aldridge scored 23 points with six rebounds Tuesday to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 97-84 NBA victory over Memphis that ended the Grizzlies' winning streak at seven games.

The Trail Blazers denied the Grizzlies their eighth straight victory that would have matched the franchise record, set in January of 2004.

Memphis had kept the streak alive on Monday when they rallied from a 20-point deficit to stun the Golden State Warriors 91-90.

There was no rally on the cards at Portland's Rose Garden arena, however, as the Grizzlies were held without a basket from the floor for nine minutes of the third quarter, making just three field goals in the period.

Aldridge, recently selected

by USA Basketball to the pool of US players with a chance to play in the London Olympics, is averaging more than 22 points per game this season.

Jamal Crawford added 15 points off the bench for Portland and center Marcus Camby, who picked up a groin injury during the Blazers' win over Sacramento on Monday, was also outstanding, grabbing 22 rebounds.

O.J. Mayo scored 20 points off the bench and Rudy Gay chipped in 11 for the Grizzlies, who lost for the first time since falling to Oklahoma City on January 10.

Howard becomes Magic's all-time top scorer

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Dwight Howard became Orlando's all-time leading scorer on Tuesday, delivering 14 points in the Magic's 102-83 NBA victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Howard also had nine rebounds in his 25 minutes on court as the Magic recovered from Monday's embarrassing loss to the Boston Celtics in which they set a club low for points and field goal percentage.

Howard was limited by foul trouble, but Ryan Anderson stepped up to score a game-high 24 points with eight rebounds for Orlando, who have won seven of their last nine games.

Howard now has 10,657 points, while Nick Anderson dropped to second on the club's all-time list with 10,650.

Howard, who overtook Anderson with a big dunk in the third quarter, said he was pleased to get the record, but even happier that his team came back to win convincingly after the big loss to Boston.

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Golf: Woods welcomed back but not feared



US golfer Tiger Woods smiles as he attends a press conference at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club on January 24, 2012.

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Tiger Woods may be back in the mix but, although his return is welcomed by the men who replaced him at the top, there is no sense of trepidation among them.

The 36-year-old American is hoping in the next 12 months to return to the forefront of the sport after a nightmare year of injuries and personal problems stemming from the sex scandal that wrecked his marriage.

And such is the durability of his crowd-pulling appeal that he is top of the bill at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championships, commanding an appearance fee reportedly in excess of two million dollars.

For Germany's Martin Kaymer, it means there will be less of a spotlight on himself as he strives to pull off the rare feat of winning an EPGA tournament three times in a row.

"I know that people will want to see Tiger, the number one in the world (Luke Donald) and Rory McIlroy, so that's a great group to watch.

"And I think that (Lee) Westwood, Sergio (Garcia) and me, we are a little bit under the radar, which is fine by me. It always adds a little bit if Tiger Woods is here."

The Europeans -- Donald, Westwood, McIlroy and Kaymer -- currently fill, in that order, the top four positions in the world ranking and they are acutely aware of all the talk that Woods is back to full fitness and set to win big again.

But while there is general agreement that his return is good for the game, the sense of awe that used to paralyze his rivals has long gone.

At 22, McIlroy for one believes that the time just two years ago when he felt nervous just teeing off with Woods is a thing of the past.

"The first time you play with him -- you've watched

this guy on TV your whole life, winning majors and doing things that no-one thought was possible -- so you are going to be awestruck," he said.

"I suppose once I got to spend a little time with him and maybe have lunch with him a few times and everything, you can sort of break the barrier down a little bit and it's fine from there. I feel quite comfortable being around him."

Woods himself is reticent to be too specific about what his goals are for this year, restricting himself to stock answers of working on his swing changes and getting a few wins under his belt.

But with his fitness apparently restored and the furor over his personal life that beset him last year diminished, Woods sounds fully engaged.

"I'm looking forward to this year," he said.

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Tennis: Djokovic plays down fitness worries



Novak Djokovic of Serbia reaches for a shot against David Ferrer of Spain in their men's singles quarter-final match on day ten.

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Defending champion Novak Djokovic dismissed concerns over his fitness after outlast-

ing David Ferrer on Wednesday to set up an Australian Open semi-final showdown against Andy Murray.

The tenacious Spaniard pushed Djokovic hard, manoeuvring him all over the court, but the top seed stepped up his game when it mattered to win 6-4, 7-6 (7/4), 6-1 in 2hr 44min.

Djokovic caused a scare when he grimaced in pain, clutching his left hamstring, as Ferrer levelled at 2-2 in the second set. He looked tentative and uncomfortable before shrugging off the problem to win the set on a tiebreak.

"Luckily for me it wasn't something that stayed there for a long time. It was just a sudden pain. But, look, you could

expect before coming to this match that it's going to be very physical," said Djokovic, 24.

"David makes you run, makes you play an extra shot, makes you earn your points. I think I was hitting the ball really well from the baseline."

And Djokovic, who also said he had struggled with his breathing in the run-up to the match, gave himself a clean bill of health for Friday's semi-final against Murray, a repeat of last year's final won by the Serb.

"I don't have any physical issues. I feel very fit and I feel mentally, as well, very fresh," he said.

"It's just today I found it very difficult after a long time to breathe because I felt the whole day my nose was closed a little bit. I just wasn't able to get enough oxygen. I needed more time, which I didn't have."

Djokovic said he employed various strategies to

prepare for matches, including breathing exercises, without revealing details.

The world number one earned a crucial service break in the fifth game of the first set which proved enough for him to take the lead against the fifth seed, after nearly an hour full of punishing rallies.

Looking tired at the end of the first set, Djokovic produced a stunning blind, backhand winner at full stretch from the back of the court early in the second as he broke in the first game.

After a second set lasting 76 minutes, he stepped up a gear with Ferrer unable to keep up his earlier intensity.

"Already after a couple of games I was feeling it was going to be a long match," Djokovic said.

"There was a big mental advantage to getting two sets up," he said, adding that he had stepped up his aggression as the match wore on.

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